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PLACE: HAMMERFEST

COUNTRY: NORWAY

Population: _____

Province: Finnmark

Date of Observation: 6 Apr. '51

General Description:

Hammerfest was completely destroyed by the Nazis during Winter, 1944-45, and there was some doubt as to whether it would be rebuilt. However, its good location on the outer coast and excellent harbor offered advantages over other sites. It is, however, cut off from the interior in Winter. Important as regular express steamer calling point, for fishing and fish processing, for supplying foreign vessels, tourist center for North Cape area in Summer.

Geographic Description:

Outer island type of terrain but favored location due to southern exposure. Immediate site of town serious handicap to expansion because of restricted flat land.

Occupations:

<u>Agricultural</u>	<u>Fishing</u>	<u>Industrial</u>
None at town but good dairying further inland.	Important	Fish processing, ship servicing and repair, misc. local.

Natural Vegetation:

At this season rocks appear bare and vegetation cover limited to tundra with some birch remaining at one spot in town.

Note - Whole area was devastated by fire.

Land Forms and Geology:

Rugged, folded, laminated, rocks with rounded forms and much evidence of glaciation. Mountains rise steeply behind town with avalanches and rock slides a constant threat

Mining:

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Population (racial, cultural, linguistic): Norwegian with some Lapp influence. Many short, dark types among fishermen. Professional and technical personnel from other parts of Norway.

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Climate and Weather

Temperatures: -5 to -1°C

Precipitation: None, considerable depth of snow on ground.

Clouds: Three-tenths, wind little.

Remarkable uniformity of temperature from day to day. Winter darkness
Other: from Nov. 21, to Jan. 23, i.e. 63 days. 72 days sunlight in Summer.

Electric Power:

Source: Diesel in town and nearby hydroelectric under construction.
Serious shortages.

Voltage: 230

Cycle: 50

Extent of Grid: On island

Telephone Yes

Telegraph Yes

Radio Yes
Important

TV

TRANSPORTATION: (From: Hammerfest To: North and South Norway)

Railway:

Station:

Ballast:

Power :

Gauge :

Bridges:

Highways:

Route No's : #910 runs 30 kms. to Stallogargo, continuing after ferry
27 kms. to Highway #50 at Skaidi.

Surface Type: Gravel, all weather

Width : Two-car

Seasonal Use: Closed in Winter by snow but efforts made to keep open.

Underpass : Main road bridge in town across stream very good, modern
construction.

Note - Heavy snowfall in immediate vicinity of town makes road clearing
difficult.

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Location: Link with main land between Stallogargo and Kvalsund on Rt. #910.

Tonnage :

Capacity:

Schedules: See Rutebok for current information. Operates all year.

Steamers:

Note harbor opened throughout year no ice trouble.

Routing: Express and local vessels call regularly. Freighters as needed.
Foreign vessels and many fishing boats.

Tonnages:

Capacity:

Schedules: See Rutebok. Note modern motor vessel serves Altenfjord from
Hammerfest.Bus Routes:Summer: Local bus in town all year. Connection with Highway #50 and
Kautokeino, and Karasjok to Finland. Winter depended on snow
conditions. May be open to Highway #50.

Winter:

Other Transportation:Flying boat service to South Norway April to September. Norsemen seaplane
of Norwegian Air Force makes occasional Winter flights.MAPS

<u>Title</u>	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Publisher</u>
Town plans available from Norwegian Govt.			
Planning Agency. None sold locally.			
German Military Maps	1:100,000 up to 1944		
	1:300,000		
Norwegian Govt. Typographic	1:100,000 Old		
Hydrographic Sheet #98	1:50,000		

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Distance traveled (in kms): _____

Vehicles Used: Princess Martha Express SteamerWhere stayed: Garnes Pensjonat Comments: Poor but nothing better available then.CONTACTS:

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Photographs:

Purchased locally: Few but not good.

Taken: Color and Blk. and wht. of town including panorama from north side of harbor.

Sketches Made:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>
General sketch of harbor and location of quays, etc.	

SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Industries:

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. of Workers</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Power</u>
Fish processing, etc.			Electrical
Some small ship repairing at north end of harbor.			

NOTE: Reconstruction of Hammerfest industries has been slow but is now proceeding more rapidly.

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SEAPORTS:

General Comments:

Hammerfest is a good natural harbor, well protected except for exposure to south-west winds which makes seas rough. All equipment at harbor was destroyed in 1944 and reconstruction is proceeding slowly. Absence of regular all-year transportation Cargo Handling: to interior by land reduces importance as trans-shipment point.

Wharves:

Name:	Location	Depth
Main Steamship Quay	At Town (Concrete)	90 meters long 25 ft. depth.
Four wooden quays	In & near town.	80 m. long 16 ft. dp. 100 m. long 18 ft. dp. 35 m. long 15 ft. dp. 30 m. long 13 ft. dp.

Note: Some of latter of these four are at lumber yards, others at fish factories.

Lighters:

Yes

Warehouses: Main warehouse on steamship quay, two floors, 275 sq. meters. Others being built.

Cranes:

Location	Tonnage	Comments
Steamship piers. - None		
Coal bunkers	Two large	

Repair Facilities Although limited at present, will no doubt be increased at least to pre-war scale.

Machine Shops: Yes

Foundries: Small

Dry docks: Two small slips for fishing craft and small trawlers at north side of harbor.

Salvage gear: Some

Supplies Available

Water	Yes	Coal	Yes
Provisions	Yes	Oil-Fuel	"
Engineering	Yes	Diesel Fuel	"
Deck	Yes		

Harbor Information See sketch map. Quays not elaborate. Room for two large steamers. Apparently ample water in harbor. Express steamers usually enter direct from open sea to quay but Princess Martha lacking pilot familiar with area, steered clockwise around whole harbor before tying up hence ample water.

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